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FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

1.WE UNDERSTAND FULLY YOUR APPREHENSION THAT WORD COULD
GET BACK TO THE ALGERIANS SUGGESTING WE ARE IGNORING THEIR
CONCERNS ABOUT LINKAGE BETWEEN THE THREE COMMISSIONS. IN
FACT, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WILL BE THREE FORMS OF
LINKAGE:

A. THROUGH A NATURAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN
COMMISSIONS, AS EACH MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE;

B. THROUGH THE NATURAL FLOW OF INFORMATION BACK TO MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED ON EACH COMMISSION, AND BETWEEN
GOVERNMENTS; AND

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C. THROUGH THE FORMAL REPORTING OF THE THREE COMMISSIONS TO THE RECONVENED GROUP OF TWENTY-SEVEN AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE LAUNCHING.

2. FOR YOUR GUIDANCE WE HAVE FOLLOWED A POLICY OF ENDEAVORING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE MODALITIES AS OUTLINED ABOVE WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH AN UNDERSTANDING AS TO HOW THESE MIGHT BE USED IN ACTUAL PRACTICE. IT IS CLEAR THAT EACH SIDE WILL BE INTERESTED IN USING THESE MODALITIES TO SERVE ITS RESPECTIVE INTERESTS. REFTEL (2) EXPLAINS THE GENERAL APPROACH IN A WAY WHICH WILL BEST ASSURE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED COMPROMISE ON THE PART OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. THIS SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS BEING INCONSISTENT WITH THE PLAN AS EXPLAINED TO MINISTER ABDESSELAM DURING MY RECENT VISIT. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO REACH AN EQUITABLE COMPROMISE ON THE BASIC MODALITIES WHICH WILL ALLOW RESUMPTION OF THIS IMPORTANT DIALOGUE GIVING EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO THE SUBJECTS OF ENERGY, COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. THE RECONVENING OF THE GROUP OF TWENTY-SEVEN PROVIDES FOR REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS OF ALL COMMISSIONS AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING APPROPRIATE FURTHER ACTION AND SHOULD SATISFY ALL DEVELOPING NATIONS THAT THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE PROPERLY PROTECTED. I AM HOPEFUL THAT ALGERIA WILL CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING FORWARD PROMPTLY AND WON'T ALLOW ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OVER THIS QUESTION TO CAUSE UNNECESSARY DELAY. KISSINGER

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